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(CN)	Canine	(FB)	Flashbang	(HB)	Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(FL)	Flashlight	(TP)	Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
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### **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

#### INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: Use of Force, Category 3,

Fractured Ribs/Laceration Left Forehead

IAB FILE NUMBERS: FO 2444855

URN#: 918-00724-0277-058

DATE/TIME: January 14, 2018, 1020 hours

LOCATION: South Rowan Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063

#### **SYNOPSIS**

On January 14, 2018, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Minh Dinh, along with Sergeants and John Adams responded to East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station (East LA Station) regarding a use of force, involving Suspect Alexis Lopez (Suspect Lopez), resulting in fractured ribs and a laceration above his left eyebrow. Sergeant was assigned the force review.

On January 14, 2018, at approximately 1019 hours, a priority call was voiced over Dispatch 3 regarding a family disturbance at South Rowan Avenue, Los Angeles, under incident number #ELA18014-0152 [EHIBIT A – Dispatch 3, audio mark 02:05].

IAB Note: Dispatch 3 is the assigned dispatch channel

for the transmission and reception of calls

for service for East LA Station.

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IAB Note: Witness obtained a restraining order against

Suspect Lopez, from Stanley Mosk Courthouse

on February 23, 2017 under case number (Refer to Restraining Order in

Miscellaneous Documents).

Deputy Louis Granados worked as Unit 22 on Day shift and was assigned as the handling unit. Deputy Alessandro Capra worked as Unit 21, and was assigned as the assisting unit. Deputy Monica Farias (Unit 23) heard the call on Dispatch 3 and assigned herself as an assisting unit on the call.

Deputy Granados coordinated the call and instructed his assisting units to meet at the location over the L-TAC channel **[EXHIBIT A – L-TAC, audio mark 00:14]**.

IAB Note: L-TAC is the primary local tactical coordination channel used by field

operations units.

Deputy Granados traveled to the location southbound on South Rowan Avenue from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. When he neared the location, Deputy Granados stopped his patrol vehicle several houses north of the address in the call. Several vehicles were parked along west side of South Rowan Avenue and in front of the location. Deputy Granados saw a male (Suspect Lopez) in the fenced front yard, on the north side of the house.

Deputy Granados also saw a patrol vehicle (Deputy Farias) approach northbound on South Rowan Avenue. He slowly moved his patrol vehicle closer to the location and continued to wait for Deputy Farias to arrive. Deputy Granados realized Suspect Lopez recognized his presence by the sound of his squeaky brakes. Suspect Lopez walked away from the house and onto the sidewalk.

Deputy Granados moved closer to the location and stopped parallel to the vehicles parked along the west curb of South Rowan Avenue. Deputy Granados exited his patrol vehicle and stood between the rear passenger side of his patrol vehicle and the cars parked on the street, to maintain a distance of approximately 15 to 20 feet from Suspect Lopez. Deputy Granados told Suspect Lopez to walk over to him and Suspect Lopez complied. Deputy Granados told Suspect Lopez the reason for the contact, being that his objective was to detain Suspect Lopez and investigate the family disturbance.

Deputy Granados informed Suspect Lopez he was going to conduct a pat down search. He instructed Suspect Lopez to turn around, face the patrol vehicle, and put his hands behind his (Suspect Lopez) back. Suspect Lopez agreed to the pat down and complied with Deputy Granados' orders.

Deputy Granados placed his hands on Suspect Lopez' forearms to begin a pat down search. Deputy Granados was immediately met with resistance by Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez pulled his arms away from Deputy Granados, turned to face him, and punched Deputy Granados once in the face. The force of the punch made Deputy Granados' head snap back.

Deputy Granados was taken aback by the punch. He reactively planted his left foot on the ground to stabilize himself and pushed Suspect Lopez away to create a distance between them. The push caused Suspect Lopez to fall backward, as he grabbed onto Deputy Granados' uniform shirt and protective vest. Suspect Lopez' action caused Deputy Granados to lose his balance and fall with Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez landed flat on his back on the asphalt with Deputy Granados landing directly on top of him.

Suspect Lopez flailed his hands and made it difficult for Deputy Granados to control him. Deputy Granados pushed Suspect Lopez in the chest a second time with his left hand. Deputy Granados grabbed his radio microphone and attempted to broadcast that he was involved in a fight. Suspect Lopez punched Deputy Granados a second time on the right side of his face with his (Suspect Lopez) left fist. The radio microphone was knocked out of Deputy Granados' hand.

Suspect Lopez sat up as Deputy Granados mounted on top of him. Suspect Lopez grabbed Deputy Granados' duty weapon and forcefully pulled it several times. The pulling released the weapon hood guard. Fearing he was about to be disarmed, Deputy Granados moved the right side of his body away from Suspect Lopez and immediately punched Suspect Lopez' face three times with his right fist. The punches caused Suspect Lopez to release his hold on Deputy Granados' duty weapon, which afforded Deputy Granados the opportunity to turn Suspect Lopez over onto his stomach. Deputy Granados straddled Suspect Lopez and controlled him by holding his hands behind his back. Suspect Lopez thrashed his body around, yelled, and threatened to kill Deputy Granados.

Deputy Farias arrived and saw Deputy Granados and Suspect Lopez on the ground. Deputy Farias told Suspect Lopez to give his hands to her and he complied. Deputy Farias handcuffed Suspect Lopez' right wrist without resistance and passed the handcuffs to Deputy Granados. Suspect Lopez tried to pull away from Deputy Granados, but he was able to control Suspect Lopez' left wrist and handcuffed it. Suspect Lopez yelled at Deputy Granados during the handcuffing. Deputies Farias and Granados assisted Suspect Lopez to his feet. Suspect Lopez was escorted to the curb where he sat and waited for the paramedics to arrive and evaluate him.

Unit 20S, Sergeant Nicholas Thorn, arrived after Suspect Lopez was handcuffed. He saw Deputies Granados and Farias standing with Suspect Lopez near a patrol vehicle. Deputy Granados independently reported the force he used. Deputy Farias independently reported what she witnessed and her participation to Sergeant Thorn.

Deputy Soraya Sanchez responded and assisted with witness interviews for his investigation. Deputy Alessandro Capra arrived at the location to assist with the transportation of Suspect Lopez to East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital.

The incident was documented by Deputies Granados, Farias, Sanchez, and Capra, under Uniform Report Number (URN) 918-00274-0277-145 **[EXHIBIT B].** Neither Deputy Sanchez nor Capra used force or witnessed the use of force.

#### INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Luis Granados, Deputy Sheriff, # Central Patrol Division East Los Angeles Sheriff Station

#### Work History

Date of Employment: November 6, 2006

Date Assigned to Patrol/East Los Angeles Station: January 27, 2013

Date Completed Patrol Training:

#### Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Granados was wearing a Class A uniform, with a gun belt equipped with the following:

Keys, duty weapon (Beretta 92FS, 9MM) handcuffs (1 pair), magazines (2), Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, portable radio

#### SUSPECT INFORMATION

Alexis Lopez

Male, Hispanic, DOB: May 30, 1962, 5'05", 187 pounds

CII # FBI #

#### SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Lopez was transported to East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital on January 14, 2018, and was examined by Doctor Yaser Khilfeh. The examination revealed Suspect Lopez sustained a three centimeter laceration on his left forehead. Doctor Khilfeh said it was possible that the laceration was caused either by Suspect Lopez falling onto the ground or from being punched by Deputy Granados. Suspect Lopez also had minimally displaced fractures on his fifth, sixth, and seventh left ribs. Doctor Khilfeh said it was possible Suspect Lopez sustained the fractures when Deputy Granados fell on top of Suspect Lopez [EXHIBIT D].

#### **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

Deputy Granados sustained an abrasion an on the right side of his face. He had redness on his right knuckles and his right wrist was sore. Deputy Granados also had abrasions on his left knee. Deputy Granados was taken to US Healthworks and was assessed for his injuries.

#### PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None.

#### INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Approximately eight hours transpired from the use of force to IAB Investigators' observations. Suspect Lopez was in a hospital bed at Los Angeles County Medical Center and appeared alert. He wore a hospital gown, a neck brace, and had stiches on his left forehead above his left brow.

At the scene, IAB investigators learned South Rowan Avenue was a mixed zoning area with residential and commercial structures. Victim house is one of two houses on a multi-dwelling lot. Two single family homes ( and South Rowan Avenue) were built on the lot and separated by a chain link fence. South Rowan Avenue had a metal security door affixed to the east entrance. Mesh screens and metal security bars covered all the windows on the home. IAB investigators photographed the scene during daylight hours [EXHIBIT A].

#### LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during daylight hours. The weather was clear.

#### WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY GRANADOS

Deputy Granados used control holds to subdue Suspect Lopez and prevent him from taking Deputy Granados' duty weapon. Deputy Granados used personal weapons (hands) to push Suspect Lopez away and punched Suspect Lopez in the face three times. He also used control holds and a restraint device (handcuffs) on Suspect Lopez' wrists. No additional weapons were used by Deputy Granados during this incident.

#### WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT LOPEZ

Suspect Lopez used personal weapons to punch Deputy Granados twice in the face.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into Suspect Lopez' actions was handled by East Los Angeles Station Detective Jesus Aldana Employee Number Suspect Lopez was charged in Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center under case number BA464704 with the following charges:

- One (1) misdemeanor count of California Penal Code § 422(a), Criminal Threats:
- One (1) misdemeanor count of California Penal Code §166(c)(4),
   Willful Disobedience of a Court Order;
- One (1) felony count of California Penal Code §69, Resisting an Executive Officer;
- One (1) misdemeanor count of California Penal Code §243(c)(2), Battery on a Peace Officer; and
- One (1) misdemeanor count of California Penal Code §148(d), Remove or Take a Firearm from a Peace Officer

On April 3, 2018, Suspect Lopez plead Nolo Contendere to one (1) misdemeanor count of California Penal Code §166(c)(4), Willful Disobedience of a Court Order; and one (1) misdemeanor count of California Penal Code §243(c)(2), Battery on a Peace Officer. He was sentenced to serve 270 days in county jail, and was placed under formal probation for five (5) years. (Refer to Superior Court minute order under case number BA464704 in Miscellaneous Documents).

Suspect Lopez fulfilled a percentage of his custody commitment and he was released on probation on April 9, 2018.

#### WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

#### WITNESS EMPLOYEES

#### **DEPUTY MONICA FARIAS**

On September 12, 2018, Deputy Farias was interviewed by IAB Sergeants and Jeremy Carr. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Attorney Amy Johnson from Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle, & Silver, PC represented Deputy Farias during the interview. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Farias was working Day shift as Unit 23 when she heard a family disturbance call on Dispatch 3. Deputy Farias was familiar with the location and had responded for similar calls in the past. Knowing the potential danger for family disturbance calls, Deputy Farias assigned herself to the call to assist her partners.

Deputy Farias traveled northbound on South Rowan Avenue from Whittier Boulevard to the location. When she got to the intersection of South Rowan Avenue and Princeton Street, Deputy Farias saw Deputy Granados' patrol vehicle on South Rowan Avenue. Deputy Farias waited momentarily for cross traffic to pass before she proceeded north.

Deputy Farias saw Deputy Granados detain Suspect Lopez between the rear of Deputy Granados' patrol vehicle and the vehicles parked along the curb. As she neared the location, she saw Suspect Lopez break away from Deputy Granados by turning to his (Suspect Lopez) left and punch Deputy Granados in the face.

Deputy Farias parked her patrol vehicle in front of Deputy Granados' patrol vehicle. She momentarily lost sight of Deputy Granados because his patrol vehicle obstructed her view. She ran over to where Deputy Granados was and saw him on the asphalt with Suspect Lopez.

Suspect Lopez was lying face down on the ground and Deputy Granados was kneeling next to Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez attempted to push himself up, but Deputy Granados controlled him by holding onto his hands. Suspect Lopez repeatedly threatened to kill Deputy Granados.

Deputy Farias stood to the right of Deputy Granados and Suspect Lopez as she gave commands for Suspect Lopez to cooperate in both English and Spanish. He complied with Deputy Farias and extended his right hand out to her. She handcuffed Suspect Lopez' right wrist without resistance and passed the other end of the handcuffs to Deputy Granados. Suspect Lopez yelled profanities and was agitated with Deputy Granados while Deputy Granados handcuffed his left wrist.

Deputies Farias and Granados helped Suspect Lopez to stand up. They walked Suspect Lopez to the curb and had him sit down. Deputy Farias called for paramedics and a field sergeant (Sergeant Thorn) to respond to their location. She independently reported what she witnessed and her involvement to Sergeant Thorn when he arrived.

#### **DEPUTY SORAYA SANCHEZ**

On August 1, 2018, Deputy Sanchez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants and Jeremy Carr. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Sanchez chose to participate in the interview without the presence of a labor representative. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were included with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Sanchez was assigned to East LA Station as Unit 24. During her shift, Deputy Sanchez heard a call on Dispatch 3 regarding a family disturbance. Deputy Sanchez recalled Deputy Granados coordinated the call over the L-TAC channel and instructed the assisting deputies to meet him at the location. Deputy Sanchez could not recall any additional coordination or updates with the call while she was driving to the call.

When Deputy Sanchez arrived at the location, she saw Deputies Granados' and Farias' patrol cars double parked on the street. Suspect Lopez was handcuffed and lying on the ground with Deputy Granados standing by him. Suspect Lopez was yelling and he appeared to be upset with Deputy Granados. She saw blood on Suspect Lopez' face, but could not recall where he was bleeding from. Suspect Lopez was agitated while he was waiting for paramedics.

Deputy Sanchez contacted with Witness and her inside their home. Witness told Deputy Sanchez she had a restraining order against Suspect Lopez. Witness called the police when Suspect Lopez became irate as they argued through the living room window. Deputy Sanchez learned Suspect Lopez was in an automobile accident, wherein he suffered a severe neck injury. Witness also expressed her concerned with Suspect Lopez' drug and alcohol abuse.

#### DEPUTY ALESSANDRO CAPRA

and David Moore. The interview was conducted at he Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Capra chose to participate in the interview without the presence of a labor representative. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files and transcripts were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Capra was assigned to East LA Station as Unit 21. Deputy Capra was assigned as the assisting unit on this family disturbance call. He could not recall the coordinated response by Deputy Granados.

Deputy Capra arrived and saw Suspect Lopez in handcuffs and standing next to the patrol vehicles with Deputies Granados and Farias standing behind him. Suspect Lopez was bleeding from his face. While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, it was apparent to Deputy Capra that Suspect Lopez was intoxicated. Suspect Lopez was belligerent and slurred his words. After Suspect Lopez was medically assessed by paramedics, Deputy Capra followed the ambulance during the transport of Suspect Lopez to East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital.

#### SERGEANT NICHOLAS THORN'S STATEMENT

On August 27, 2018, Sergeant Thorn was interviewed by IAB Sergeants and Jeremy Carr. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Sergeant Thorn chose to participate in the interview without the presence of a labor representative. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The interview transcript was included with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Sergeant Thorn worked as the Day shift field sergeant (Unit 20S). Sergeant Thorn was inside East LA Station when he heard a family disturbance call dispatched to the deputies.

IAB Note: Sergeant Thorn referred to East LA

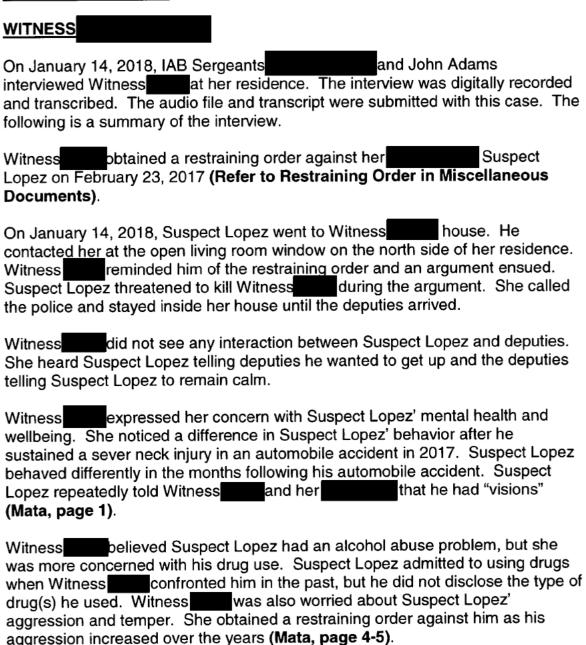
Station's dispatch channel as Dispatch 6, however, Dispatch 3 was the main dispatch

channel for East LA Station.

Sergeant Thorn received a request from Deputy Farias to respond to South Rowan Avenue. He did not recall if a reason for her request was provided. Sergeant Thorn arrived and observed Deputies Granados, Farias, and Sanchez standing by Suspect Lopez. He saw blood on Suspect Lopez' face and Suspect Lopez appeared to be agitated. Soon thereafter, paramedics arrived and medically assessed Suspect Lopez.

Sergeant Thorn said Deputies Granados and Farias individually spoke with him about the incident. Deputy Granados reported the force he used during his contact with Suspect Lopez. Sergeant Thorn said the injuries he observed on Suspect Lopez appeared to be consistent with the force reported. Deputy Farias advised Sergeant Thorn of what she witnessed and the assistance she provided to Deputy Granados.

#### **CIVILIAN WITNESSES**



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WITNESS	
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#### WITNESS and John Adams On January 14, 2018, IAB Sergeants interviewed Witness at her residence. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview. was in her living room when her walked up to the open Witness living room window. Suspect Lopez wanted to go inside the house. He argued when she refused to let him and cautioned him about the with Witness restraining order. Witness called the police when Suspect Lopez threatened to kill her and did not leave. sat on a bed which was against the living room window. She Witness looked out the window when Deputy Granados contacted Suspect Lopez. saw portions of the contact between her and Deputy Granados, even though her view was obstructed by the parked cars on the west side of the street. She heard a short verbal exchange between Deputy Granados and Suspect Lopez. Due to her obstructed view, she assumed Deputy Granados had pushed Suspect Lopez because she saw Suspect Lopez on the ground with Deputy Granados bending over him. Witness did not see what transpired between Deputy Granados and Suspect Lopez while they were on the around. saw a female deputy (Deputy Farias) join Shortly thereafter, Witness Deputy Granados. Witness saw Suspect Lopez in handcuffs and he was bleeding when the deputies stood him up. Additional deputies arrived thereafter. Paramedics also arrived and medically assessed Suspect Lopez. recorded the deputies' actions on her cell phone using the Witness "Snapchat" application. "Snapchat" is a "disappearing" mobile messing IAB Note: application. It allows users to send photos or videos accompanied by short text messages, which can be viewed for a short amount of time. showed four video clips which she recorded through the Witness north living room window. IAB investigators reviewed the video clips; however, none of the video clips captured the use of force [Exhibit A, Witness Jacqueline Video].

Due to the poor quality of the cell phone's camera, the images and sounds were difficult to see and hear. Witness did not have a data plan for her cell phone or WiFi at their house and she was unable to send the video clips to IAB investigators. Witness also did not have a computer to download the

video clips. Witness refused to go with IAB investigators to East LA Station or the IAB office to download the videos. IAB investigators recorded the videos while Witness played them on her cell phone.
IAB Note: Witness said she did not post the videos on the "Snapchat" application.
WITNESS
On February 19, 2018, IAB Sergeants and Jeremy Carr interviewed Witness at her residence. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.
Witness was sitting on the bed against the north living room wall working on her homework when her (Suspect Lopez) walked up to the open living room window. She overheard Suspect Lopez, who was standing outside of their house, talking to her (Witness ) through the window.
Suspect Lopez asked for water and access to use the restroom. Witness refused to let him inside the house and reminded him about the restraining order. Witness called the police because he violated the restraining order and threatened to kill her during the argument.
Witness did not see the deputies arrive, nor did she see their contact with Suspect Lopez, because she continued to do her homework. She overheard Suspect Lopez say he did not have any weapons and agreed to be searched.
Witness looked out the window when she heard Suspect Lopez yelling. Although the window had a mesh screen and wrought iron bars, she was able to see outside. Her view was partially obstructed by a car parked on the street. From the window, she saw Suspect Lopez lying face down on the ground with Deputy Granados standing over him, but she did not see how Suspect Lopez went to the ground. Witness saw Suspect Lopez had blood on his face. When the paramedics arrived, they medically assessed Suspect Lopez, and transported him to the hospital.

WITNESS On January 14, 2018, IAB Sergeants and John Adams interviewed Witness at her residence. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview. Witness was in the restroom when she overheard her (Suspect Lopez) talking to her (Witness). She went into the living room and watched television. Her stood outside and argued with her through the open living room window. Witness heard Witness call the police because she had a restraining order against Suspect Lopez. did not know when the deputies arrived and did not see how the Witness deputies contacted Suspect Lopez. She overheard the deputies talking to Suspect Lopez, but did not pay attention to their conversation, because Witness was on the phone. She was alerted to what happened outside by one of Witness looked out the living room window and saw Deputy Granados kneeling over Suspect Lopez and handcuffing him. Deputy Farias was standing next to Deputy Granados and Suspect Lopez. Witness was obstructed by cars parked on the street. Suspect Lopez was on the ground velling at deputies, and she heard deputies trying to calm Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez was lifted up off the ground and sat on the curb. The paramedics then arrived and evaluated Suspect Lopez. told IAB investigators an unknown IAB Note: Witness male was outside recording the contact between Suspect Lopez and the deputies. IAB investigators were unable to locate anyone who might have recorded the incident. WITNESS On January 14, 2018, IAB Sergeants and John Adams at her residence. The interview was digitally interviewed Witness recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

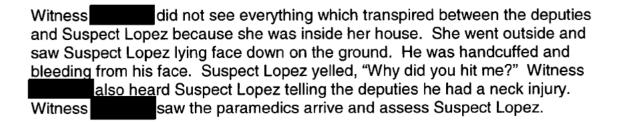
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Farias) run toward a male deputy (Deputy Granados).

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#### WITNESS

On January 14, 2018, IAB Sergeant interviewed Witness at his residence. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Witness I lived to his (Witness I. He was inside his restroom, when he heard Suspect Lopez yelling at Witness Witness Witness Witness I was unaware that he was going to kill her. Witness I remained inside his house. He was unaware that the deputies had arrived until a deputy came to his door. By the time he went outside, Suspect Lopez was taken into the ambulance.

IAB Note: Witness was home during the incident. Mrs. refused to provide a statement to IAB

investigators.

#### SUSPECT'S STATEMENTS

#### SUSPECT ALEXIS LOPEZ

On January 14, 2018, Suspect Lopez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants and John Adams along with Lieutenant Minh Dinh. On February 14, 2018, Suspect Lopez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants and Israel Renteria. The interviews were digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files and transcripts were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

On January 14, 2018, at approximately 0800 hours, Suspect Lopez drank a 32 ounce beer "King Cobra" prior to going to Witness house.

IAB Note: King Cobra is a malt liquor beer, which is

6.0% alcohol by volume. www.anheuser-busch.com

Suspect Lopez went to Witness house around 1000 hours and walked to the open living room window on the north side of the house. He was standing outside of the house when he argued with Witness Suspect Lopez said he did not know there was a restraining order against him.

IAB Note: Suspect Lopez had prior to going to Witness house on January 14, 2018 (EXHIBIT D).

Suspect Lopez walked away from the house to the sidewalk and saw Deputy Granados standing by a car on the street. Suspect Lopez said he complied with Deputy Granados' orders and walked to him. He also complied with Deputy Granados's order when he was instructed to put his hands behind his back.

Suspect Lopez said he was pushed to the ground by Deputy Granados and landed face down onto the asphalt with Deputy Granados directly on top of him. Deputy Granados kneed him in the back and on his left rib cage. Deputy Granados also punched him several times on the left side of his face. Suspect Lopez was unsure how he was taken to the ground and handcuffed by Deputy Granados.

Suspect Lopez believed Deputy Granados struck him on his back, while Deputy Granados was lying on top of him. Suspect Lopez said he was compliant during the entire incident and did not resist Deputy Granados' efforts to detain him. He also denied trying to take Deputy Granados' duty weapon.

Suspect Lopez admitted he was involved in an automobile accident approximately one year ago. He collided his vehicle into a tree and severely injured his neck. Suspect Lopez was under the care of a neurologist and a chiropractor, but did not elaborate about his medical condition. Suspect Lopez was prescribed "Norco" for pain, but was unsure of the exact type of medication he took. Suspect Lopez denied illegal drug use, but admitted to drinking beer daily.

IAB Note: "Norco" contains a combination of hydrocodone

and acetaminophen. Hydrocodone is an opioid pain medication. Acetaminophen is a pain reliever that increases the effects of hydrocodone.

www.drugs.com

During Suspect Lopez' first interview with IAB investigators, he spoke of having visions of "Kings, God, angels, and gold." He denied having a mental illness or being under a doctor's care for mental illness (Lopez 01/14/2018, pages 16-17).

During Suspect Lopez' second interview with IAB investigators, he said approximately two weeks prior to his contact with Deputy Granados, he was involved in a fight with an unknown man. Suspect Lopez was homeless and lived in his car. He often parked his car in a church parking lot on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Rowan Avenue.

IAB Note: IAE

IAB investigators located Our Lady of Lourdes Church on South Rowan Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in Los Angeles. IAB investigators did not locate any video cameras at the church.

Suspect Lopez' car battery was dead and he asked a group of men in the church parking lot if they would help him. Suspect Lopez and the men got into an argument about him touching one of the cars. One of the men punched Suspect Lopez in the right side of his face, which caused a laceration under his right eye. Suspect Lopez fell onto his left side on the cement, which caused pain to his left arm and an abrasion to his right knee. The men fled the parking lot. Suspect Lopez did not report the incident to a law enforcement agency nor seek medical treatment for his injuries.

#### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT**

#### INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY LOUIS GRANADOS

On September 19, 2018, Deputy Granados was interviewed by IAB Sergeants and Jeremy Carr at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Attorney Susan Jerich from Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle, & Silver, PC represented Deputy Granados. A second interview with Deputy Granados was conducted on November 19, 2018, by IAB Sergeants and John Gutierrez at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Attorney Amy Johnson from Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle, & Silver, PC represented Deputy Granados. The audio files and transcripts were submitted with this case. Following is a summary of the interviews.

Deputy Granados was assigned as Unit 22 on Day shift. During his shift, he heard a call on Dispatch 3 regarding a family disturbance and was assigned as the handling unit. Deputies Capra (Unit 21) and Farias (Unit 23) were assigned as the assisting units. Deputy Granados instructed the assisting deputies to meet with him at the location on L-TAC.

Deputy Granados was the first deputy to arrive on scene. He waited approximately three houses north of the location. At the same time, Deputy Granados saw a patrol car (Deputy Farias) approximately 200 yards away, traveling north on South Rowan Avenue toward him. Deputy Granados saw Suspect Lopez standing outside, at a window on the north side of the house.

Deputy Granados watched Suspect Lopez momentarily before Suspect Lopez was alerted to his presence. Deputy Granados believed Suspect Lopez was alerted to his presence by the squeaking sound of the brakes from his patrol vehicle. Suspect Lopez looked at Deputy Granados' patrol vehicle, walked away from the house, and toward the sidewalk.

Deputy Granados double parked his vehicle just in front of the location. Knowing an assisting unit was about to arrive, Deputy Granados exited his patrol vehicle, and walked to the rear passenger side of his patrol vehicle. Deputy Granados stood in between his patrol vehicle and another car which was parked along the curb. Deputy Granados maintained a distance of 15 to 20 feet from Suspect Lopez. Deputy Granados told Suspect Lopez to walk toward him, to which Suspect Lopez complied.

Deputy Granados explained the reason for the contact in Spanish and ordered Suspect Lopez to turn, face away, and place his hands behind his back. Suspect Lopez initially followed Deputy Granados' orders. Before Deputy Granados began his pat down search for weapons, Suspect Lopez immediately pulled away, turned to face Deputy Granados, and delivered a punch to the right side of Deputy Granados' face. The punch snapped Deputy Granados' head back and momentarily stunned him. Deputy Granados stuck his left foot out to balance himself and pushed Suspect Lopez away with his right hand to prevent Suspect Lopez from attacking him again. Suspect Lopez grabbed the top of Deputy Granados' protective vest and uniform shirt as he fell backward. The momentum from the combined efforts caused both Deputy Granados and Suspect Lopez to fall onto the ground.

Suspect Lopez fell flat on his back with Deputy Granados landing face down directly on top of him. Suspect Lopez quickly repositioned himself and sat up while Deputy Granados still mounted on top of him. Deputy Granados tried controlling Suspect Lopez' hands, but Suspect Lopez continually moved his hands.

Deputy Granados reached for his handheld radio microphone and extended his left hand to push Suspect Lopez' chest preventing Suspect Lopez from assaulting him. Suspect Lopez used his left hand to punch Deputy Granados a second time on the right side of his face, which caused Deputy Granados to drop the microphone.

Suspect Lopez grabbed Deputy Granados' duty weapon and forcefully pulled on it, which released the hood guard and shifted his gun belt forward. Suspect Lopez repeated threatened to kill Deputy Granados, both in English and Spanish. Fearing Suspect Lopez was about to disarm him, Deputy Granados pivoted the right side of his body to pull his duty weapon away. Deputy Granados punched Suspect Lopez' face three times with his right fist.

The punches took effect and Suspect Lopez released his hold on Deputy Granados' duty weapon. He quickly turned Suspect Lopez onto his stomach and hooked his arm around Suspect Lopez' arm, effectively pinning him down to the ground. He straddled Suspect Lopez and controlled Suspect Lopez by holding his hands together. Suspect Lopez thrashed his body and threatened to kill Deputy Granados.

Deputy Farias arrived and positioned herself on Suspect Lopez' right side. She gave Suspect Lopez commands to stop fighting and to release his hands to her. Suspect Lopez complied with Deputy Farias and extended his right arm. She handcuffed Suspect Lopez' right wrist without resistance. Deputy Granados took the other end of the handcuffs. Suspect Lopez tried to pull away from Deputy Granados, but he held onto Suspect Lopez' left wrist as he completed handcuffing Suspect Lopez.

Deputies Granados and Farias assisted Suspect Lopez to his knees and stood him up. Suspect Lopez was bleeding from his face. Deputy Farias radioed for paramedics and a field sergeant to respond to their location.

Deputy Granados authored an incident report documenting his actions and his report of the use of force to Sergeant Thorn [EXHIBIT B - Granados].

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION